
DIGEST

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HB No. 568

Abstract: Requires public postsecondary education institutions that offer academic undergraduate degrees at the baccalaureate level to implement policies, effective beginning with the Fall 2010 semester, that provide certain guarantees relative to admissions and course credit transfers, acceptance, and application to students who have earned an associate degree.

Proposed law provides that, effective beginning with the Fall 2010 semester or its equivalent, each public postsecondary education management board shall require each institution under its jurisdiction that offers academic undergraduate degrees at the baccalaureate level to implement policies adopted by each respective board that guarantee to any student who is seeking enrollment in any such institution and who has earned an associate degree at any public postsecondary education institution in the state all of the following:

- (1) Admission to the enrolling institution with the exception of limited access programs that have additional admission requirements.
- (2) The automatic transfer of all courses satisfactorily completed by the student in meeting the associate degree requirements.
- (3) The acceptance of all course credit hours completed by the student in meeting the associate degree requirements and the application of such toward the student's specific major to be pursued upon enrolling in the institution.
- (4) That no additional general education courses shall be required upon enrolling in such institution.
- (5) The acceptance of all credits earned in any accelerated programs completed by the student.
- (6) Advance knowledge of the selection criteria for any limited access programs offered at the enrolling institution.
- (7) Equal opportunity to enroll in any limited access program offered at the enrolling institution.
- (8) Adherence to all requirements and policies of the enrolling institution as contained in the

institution's catalog that was in effect at the time the student first enrolled in a public postsecondary education institution to pursue an associate degree, provided the student maintains continuous enrollment.

- (9) That all grade forgiveness awarded in the student's associate degree program shall be honored by the enrolling institution.

(Adds R.S. 17:3129.9)